

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7903

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## AN ACT

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Canton, Michigan, as the “Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic”.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Oliver W. Dillard was born on September  
4 28, 1926, in Margaret, Alabama.

5 (2) In 1945, following basic training he was  
6 drafted and was assigned to the 349th Field Artil-  
7 lery Group in Germany as part of the World War II  
8 army of occupation. He was selected to serve as  
9 company clerk and began to work his way through  
10 the ranks, attaining Technical Sergeant.

11 (3) Dillard successfully completed the Officer  
12 Candidate School (OCS) selection process and was  
13 approved for attendance at the Infantry OCS at  
14 Fort Benning in January 1947. He received a com-  
15 mission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry after  
16 graduating from Infantry OCS in July 1947 and  
17 was the honor graduate of his Infantry officers basic  
18 course.

19 (4) He served in command and intelligence po-  
20 sitions in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam.

21 (5) During his service, Dillard graduated from  
22 the Army Command and General Staff College  
23 (CGSC) in 1958, where he was one of only three  
24 Black officers in his class. After CGSC, he com-  
25 pleted his bachelor's degree at the University of

1 Omaha leveraging his earlier studies at Tuskegee In-  
2 stitute.

3 (6) In 1965, Mr. Dillard graduated from the  
4 National War College, becoming the first Black offi-  
5 cer to do so. He graduated at the top of his class.

6 (7) MG Dillard's military awards include the  
7 Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf  
8 Cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with  
9 two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with one  
10 Oak Leaf Cluster and "V" Device, the Purple  
11 Heart, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman's  
12 Badge with Star (two awards), the Army Staff Iden-  
13 tification Badge, and the Vietnam Distinguished  
14 Service Order (1st and 2d Class). Dillard also re-  
15 ceived two civilian awards from the Republic of Viet-  
16 nam, the Vietnam Rural Revolutionary Development  
17 Medal and the Vietnam Ethnic Development Service  
18 Medal (1st Class).

19 (8) Dillard was inducted into the United States  
20 Army's Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 2012,  
21 the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 2012,  
22 and the Alabama Military Hall of Honor in 2013.

23 (9) He died in Canton, Michigan, in 2015, and  
24 is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT**  
3 **CLINIC LOCATED IN CANTON, MICHIGAN.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-  
5 fairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Canton,  
6 Michigan, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act  
7 be known and designated as the “Major General Oliver  
8 W. Dillard VA Clinic”.

9 (b) REFERENCES.— Any reference in a law, map,  
10 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
11 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall  
12 be deemed to be a reference to the “Major General Oliver  
13 W. Dillard VA Clinic”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 14,  
2022.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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